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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: PRE-LICENSE END-USE CHECK ON

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11. (U) POL FSN October 22 visited the Royal Thai Navy's (RTN) Department of Naval Ordnance in the Sattahip District of Chonburi Province and met with Lt. Cdr. Somporn Phethai, the Department's Administrative Officer. Somporn confirmed that Royal Defence had offered to deliver 1,055 hand grenade fuzes to the Department. Somporn said the transaction would not be an official purchase, rather Royal Defence had offered the fuzes to the RTN free of charge. Royal Defence is the Thai sales representative for Combined Systems Inc. and was attempting to open new lines of business with the RTN, Somporn said.

12. (U) Reftel question: Will the fuzes be utilized in the manufacture of riot control munitions? If not, in what type of hand grenade will the fuzes be used?

Response: Somporn said the items would be kept on stock for now as there was no current plan to use the fuzes. The RTN had not planned to use the fuzes in the manufacture of grenades. Some of the fuzes could be studied to learn the structure and function.

13. (U) Somporn presented RTN's end user certificate and the DSP-83 Form, which matched reftel information. There was no purchase contract as Royal Defence offered to provide the items to the RTN free of charge.

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